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The Honorable Brian Maienschein California State Assembly 1021 O Street, Room 5640 Sacramento, CA 95814

ASSEMBLY BILL 2660 (MAIENSCHEIN) SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Maienschein:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2660 (Maienschein).

AB 2660 requires every county to establish an interagency child death review team no later than January 1, 2025, to assist local agencies in identifying and reviewing suspicious child deaths.

Child Death Review is a process that works to understand child deaths in order to prevent harm to other children. It is a collaborative process that brings people together at a state or local level, from multiple disciplines, to share and discuss comprehensive information on the circumstances leading to the death of a child and the response to that death. These reviews can lead to action to prevent other deaths locally, at a state level and nationally.

Local Child Death Review Teams have been functioning since the early 1980s, with Los Angeles County starting in 1978. Some California counties maintain child death review teams, however while they are formally authorized in statute, they are not mandated.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Daniel Felizzatto in my Sacramento Legislative Office at (916) 442-0668.

Very truly yours,

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